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latter, by reason of the use of the label signifying a higher quality of milk, can sell this better milk at an increase to those customers who value cleanliness and safety. A more general production of clean milk is encouraged and brought about in any community through the individuality and identification given to clean milk by the distinctive label indicating its superior quality and the greater market value of such milk. The production of a special or limited class of milk is not here meant, but an increase in the supply of the regular market milk which is already clean or capable of being made clean, but the production of which is discouraged by the fact that under existing conditions this milk can not be recognized by the consumer and given the preference by him which it would be given if he could recognize it by means of the label or other identifying mark.

PLAQUE-PREVENTION WORK.

LOUISIANA—NEW ORLEANS—PLAUE ERADICATION.

The following reports of plague-eradication work at New Orleans were received from Surg. Creel, of the United States Public Health Service, in charge of the work:

WEEK ENDED DEC. 18, 1915.

OUTGOING QUARANTINE.		LABORATORY OPERATIONS.	
Vessels fumigated with sulphur.....	9	Rodents received, by species:	
Vessels fumigated with carbon monoxide..	18	Mus rattus.....	151
Vessels fumigated with cyanide gas.....	6	Mus norvegicus.....	919
Sulphur used, pounds.....	1,804	Mus alexandrinus.....	192
Coke consumed in carbon-monoxide fumi- gation, pounds.....	25,700	Mus musculus.....	8,073
Cyanide used in cyanide-gas fumigation, pounds.....	106	Wood rats.....	174
Sulphuric acid used in cyanide-gas fumiga- tion, pints.....	159	Musk rats.....	95
Clean bills of health issued.....	34	Putrid (included in enumeration of species).....	87
Foul bills of health issued.....	5	Total rodents received at laboratory.....	9,004
FIELD OPERATIONS.		Rodents examined.....	2,302
Rats trapped.....	9,445	Suspicious rats.....	33
Premises inspected.....	6,510	Plague rats confirmed.....	None.
Notices served.....	835	Last case of human plague, Sept. 8, 1915.	
Garbage cans installed.....	9	Last case of rodent plague, Dec. 11, 1915.	
BUILDINGS RAT PROOFED.		Total number of rodents captured to Dec. 18	544,119
By elevation.....	66	Total number of rodents examined to Dec.	
By marginal concrete wall.....	89	18.....	310,393
By concrete floor and wall.....	86	Total cases of rodent plague to Dec. 18, by species:	
By minor repairs.....	226	Mus musculus.....	5
Total buildings rat proofed.....	467	Mus rattus.....	18
Square yards of concrete laid.....	8,163	Mus alexandrinus.....	9
Number of lots and sheds, planking re- moved.....	120	Mus norvegicus.....	238
Number of buildings demolished.....	30	Total rodent cases to Dec. 18, 1915....	
Total buildings rat proofed to date (abated). 98,974			270

WEEK ENDED DEC. 25, 1915.

OUTGOING QUARANTINE.		LABORATORY OPERATIONS—continued.	
Vessels fumigated with sulphur.....	9	Rodents received, by species—Continued.	
Vessels fumigated with carbon-monoxide..	8	Mus alexandrinus.....	188
Vessels fumigated with cyanide gas.....	3	Mus musculus.....	6,447
Sulphur used, pounds.....	925	Wood rats.....	208
Coke consumed in carbon-monoxide fumi- gation, pounds.....	11,100	Musk rats.....	118
Cyanide used in cyanide-gas fumigation, pounds.....	94	Putrid (included in enumeration of species).....	48
Sulphuric acid used in cyanide-gas fumiga- tion, pints.....	141	Total rodents received at laboratory.....	7,778
Clean bills of health issued.....	24	Rodents examined.....	1,890
Foul bills of health issued.....	3	Number of rats suspected of plague	25
		Plague rats confirmed.....	1
FIELD OPERATIONS.		PLAQUE RAT.	
Rodents trapped.....	7,251	Case No. 271:	
Premises inspected.....	5,850	Address, Elevator "E" (outside).	
Notices served.....	824	Captured, Nov. 26, 1915.	
Garbage cans installed.....	2	Diagnosis confirmed, Dec. 21, 1915.	
		Treatment of premises, intensive trapping; elevation of loose material about the railroad yards.	
BUILDINGS RAT PROOFED.		Last case of human plague, Sept. 8, 1915.	
By elevation.....	85	Last case of rodent plague, Dec. 21, 1915.	
By marginal concrete wall.....	103	Total number of rodents captured to Dec. 25.....	551,370
By concrete floor and wall.....	76	Total number of rodents examined to Dec. 25.....	312,283
By minor repairs.....	247		<u> </u>
Total buildings rat proofed.....	511	Total cases of rodent plague to Dec. 25, by species:	
Square yards of concrete laid.....	5,450	Mus musculus.....	6
Number of premises, planking and shed flooring removed.....	115	Mus rattus.....	18
Number of buildings demolished.....	33	Mus alexandrinus.....	9
Total buildings rat proofed to date (abated). Total rodent cases to Dec. 25, 1915.....	97,485	Mus norvegicus.....	238
LABORATORY OPERATIONS.		Total rodent cases to Dec. 25, 1915.....	271
Rodents received, by species:			
Mus rattus.....	102		
Mus norvegicus.....	715		

WASHINGTON—SEATTLE—PLAQUE ERADICATION.

The following reports of plague-eradication work at Seattle were received from Surg. Lloyd, of the United States Public Health Service, in charge of the work:

WEEK ENDED NOV. 20, 1915.

RAT PROOFING.		LABORATORY AND RODENT OPERATIONS.	
New buildings inspected.....	15	Dead rodents received.....	15
New buildings reinspected.....	25	Rodents trapped and killed.....	382
Basements concreted, new buildings (27,450 square feet).....	18	Rodents recovered after fumigation.....	28
Floors concreted, new buildings (32,650 square feet).....	12	Total.....	425
Yards, etc., concreted, new buildings (7,775 square feet).....	8	Rodents examined for plague infection.....	311
Sidewalks concreted (square feet).....	4,750	Rodents proven plague infected.....	None.
Total concrete laid, new structures (square feet).....	72,625	Poison distributed, pounds.....	13
New buildings elevated.....	4	Bodies found plague infected.....	None.
New premises rat proofed, concrete.....	30	Bodies examined for plague infection.....	1
Old buildings inspected.....	3		
Buildings razed.....	4	CLASSIFICATION OF RODENTS.	
		Mus rattus.....	25
		Mus alexandrinus.....	119
		Mus norvegicus.....	175
		Mus musculus.....	109

WEEK ENDED NOV. 20, 1915—continued.

WATER FRONT.		RODENTS EXAMINED IN EVERETT.
Vessels inspected and histories recorded.....	15	Mus norvegicus trapped..... 48
Vessels fumigated.....	2	Mus musculus trapped..... 2
Sulphur used, pounds.....	1,900	Total..... 50
New rat guards installed.....	4	Rodents examined for plague infection..... 50
Defective rat guards repaired.....	32	Rodents proven plague infected..... None.
Fumigation certificates issued.....	2	
Port sanitary statements issued.....	41	

The usual day and night patrol was maintained to enforce rat guarding and fending.

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.		
Rat-proofing notices sent to contractors, new buildings.....	14	New buildings inspected..... 4
Letters sent in re rat complaints.....	7	New buildings, concrete foundations..... 3
Lectures delivered, plague suppressive measures.....	1	New buildings elevated 18 inches..... 1
		New buildings, floor concreted (300 square feet). 1
		New buildings, yards concreted (98 square feet). 1
		Total concrete laid, new buildings (square feet). 398

WEEK ENDED NOV. 27, 1915.

RAT PROOFING.		WATER FRONT.
New buildings inspected.....	9	Vessels inspected and histories recorded..... 9
New buildings reinspected.....	32	Vessels fumigated..... 2
Basements concreted, new buildings (13,250 square feet).....	12	Sulphur used, pounds..... 2,350
Floors concreted, new buildings (18,725 square feet).....	15	New rat guards installed..... 5
Yards, etc., concreted, new buildings (1,275 square feet).....	2	Defective rat guards repaired..... 19
Sidewalks concreted (square feet).....	9,560	Fumigation certificates issued..... 2
Total concrete laid, new structures (square feet).....	42,810	Port sanitary statements issued..... 42
New buildings elevated.....	4	
New premises rat proofed, concrete.....	27	
Buildings razed.....	2	

The usual day and night patrol was maintained to enforce rat guarding and fending.

LABORATORY AND RODENT OPERATIONS.		MISCELLANEOUS WORK.
Dead rodents received.....	9	Rat-proofing notices sent to contractors, new buildings..... 17
Rodents trapped and killed.....	351	Letters sent in re rat complaints..... 6
Rodents recovered after fumigation.....	12	
Total.....	372	
Rodents examined for plague infection.....	272	
Rodents proven plague infected.....	None.	
Poison distributed, pounds.....	14	
Bodies examined for plague infection.....	5	
Bodies found plague infected.....	None.	

CLASSIFICATION OF RODENTS.		RODENTS EXAMINED IN EVERETT.
Mus rattus.....	26	Mus norvegicus trapped..... 58
Mus alexandrinus.....	47	Mus norvegicus found dead..... 1
Mus norvegicus.....	224	Mus musculus trapped..... 9
Mus musculus.....	75	Total..... 68
		Rodents examined for plague infection..... 61
		Rodents proven plague infected..... None.

RAT-PROOFING OPERATIONS IN EVERETT.		
New buildings inspected.....	4	New buildings inspected..... 4
New buildings, concrete foundations.....	2	New buildings, concrete foundations..... 2
New buildings, elevated 18 inches.....	2	New buildings, elevated 18 inches..... 2
New buildings, basements concreted (square feet, 1,092).....	1	New buildings, basements concreted (square feet, 1,092)..... 1
New buildings, floors concreted (square feet, 1,500).....	1	Total concrete laid, new buildings (square feet) 2,592

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RAT PROOFING.		CLASSIFICATION OF RODENTS—continued.	
New buildings inspected.....	19	Mus norvegicus.....	311
New buildings reinspected.....	28	Mus musculus.....	74
Basements concreted, new buildings (square feet, 14,525).....	15	Unclassified.....	18
Floors concreted, new buildings (square feet, 21,750).....	22		
Yards, etc., concreted, new buildings (square feet, 1,500).....	2	WATER FRONT.	
Sidewalks concreted, 2,725 square feet.		Vessels inspected and histories recorded.....	12
Total concrete laid, new structures (square feet).....	43,500	Vessels fumigated.....	3
New buildings elevated.....	4	Sulphur used, pounds.....	2,750
New premises rat proofed, concrete.....	37	New rat guards installed.....	5
Old buildings inspected.....	3	Defective rat guards repaired.....	22
Wooden floors removed, old buildings.....	2	Fumigation certificates issued.....	3
Buildings razed.....	2	Port sanitary statements issued.....	50
		The usual day and night patrol was maintained to enforce rat guarding and fending.	
LABORATORY AND RODENT OPERATIONS.		MISCELLANEOUS WORK.	
Dead rodents received.....	12	Public health lectures delivered.....	
Rodents trapped and killed.....	433	Rat-proofing notices sent to contractors, N. B.	26
Rodents recovered after fumigation.....	18	Letters sent in rerat complaints	5
Total.....	463		
Rodents examined for plague infection.....	338	RODENTS EXAMINED IN EVERETT.	
Rodents proven plague infected.....	1	Mus norvegicus trapped.....	40
Poison distributed, pounds.....	30	Mus musculus trapped.....	11
Bodies examined for plague infection.....	6	Total.....	51
Bodies found plague infected.....	None.	Rodents examined for plague infection.....	47
		Rodents proven plague infected.....	None.
CLASSIFICATION OF RODENTS.		RAT-PROOFING OPERATIONS IN EVERETT.	
Mus rattus.....	18	New buildings inspected.....	3
Mus alexandrinus.....	42	New buildings with concrete foundations....	2
		New buildings elevated 18 inches.....	1
HAWAII—HONOLULU—PLAGUE PREVENTION.			
The following report of plague-prevention work at Honolulu for the week ended December 11, 1915, was received from Surg. Trotter, of the United States Public Health Service:			
Total rats and mongoose taken.....	440	Classification of rats killed by sulphur dioxide:	
Rats trapped.....	385	Mus alexandrinus.....	4
Mongoose trapped.....	2	Mus rattus.....	1
Rats shot from trees.....	48	Average number of traps set daily.....	984
Rats killed by sulphur dioxide.....	5	Cost per rat destroyed, 17½ cents.	
Examined microscopically.....	364	Last case rat plague Aiea, 9 miles from Honolulu, Apr. 12, 1910.	
Showing plague infection.....	None.	Last case human plague, Honolulu, July 12, 1910.	
Classification of rats trapped:		Last case rat plague (Kalopaa Saloon) Paauhau, Hawaii, Dec. 2, 1915.	
Mus alexandrinus.....	132	Last case human plague Honokaa village, Hawaii, Dec. 1, 1915.	
Mus musculus.....	150		
Mus norvegicus.....	68		
Mus rattus.....	35		
Classification of rats shot from trees:			
Mus alexandrinus.....	36		
Mus rattus.....	12		